

GEORGE BUSH'S 69 FOR SCOOTER LIBBY

Tweety has started to count the days left for George Bush to pardon Scooter Libby. Bush has 69 days left to—as Tweety accurately describes it—complete the cover-up of the leak of Valerie Plame's identity.

I'm glad Tweety's bringing this to attention, particularly since, with Waxman's designs on John Dingell's Chairmanship at the Energy and Commerce Committee, Waxman may well drop his quest to get Dick Cheney's FBI interview report from DOJ.

But it's worth remembering this pardon will only complete the cover-up of one of Bush's crimes. I'm just as interested in discussing the names of those—like David Addington, or Turdblossom, or Alberto Gonzales, or Cheney himself—whose silence Bush may be contemplating buying in the next 69 days. That discussion is particularly relevant since President-elect Obama seems intent on making a deal that will give Congress some of the documents they were entitled to in their oversight role, rather than have the principle of Congressional oversight of the President affirmed.

Libby's just the guy who got caught. He's by no means the only one carrying out a cover-up.